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FEBRUARY MUSTER CALL

date: Thursday
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Mess Call
place: Wyatt's Cafeteria
Hancock Center



Valentines! Bring your sweetheart, wife, or girlfriend (both would be gauche) for our annual Valentines meeting. The ladies will receive a token of our appreciation, and we will all share cake. The program will be brought by Donna Hector who will speak on Mrs. Robert E. Lee. The commander has asked anyone with suggestions for programs OR who wish to volunteer to give one this year to please inform one of the staff. And we hope to see all of you (with families) at one of our best attended meetings of the year!

MOSB TO MEET

The first meeting of the J.H. Reagan Chap. MOSB will be on Sunday, 28 February, at 7:00 p.m. upstairs at the Steak and Ale located on Anderson Lane near Burnet Road. Families are welcome. Gen. Bishop will be the speaker, and Tx. Society Lt. Cdr. Bob Brown (San Antonio) will be there to install the officers.

SOUTHERN HISTORY MONTH

LETTERS NEEDED

Div. Cdr. Willmann has asked us all to work to have May declared Southern History Month in Texas following a movement in other parts of the South. The Governor is unsure of the need for this designation and whether Texans wish it or not. We need



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to flood her office with positive letters explaining the need to have such a month since revisionist history does not teach real Southern history. Think of all the many reasons you have ever heard why the South deserves respect, and do not just include the CSA. Speak of the importance of Texas in the history of the South and what a shame it would be to instill such a pride in Texas history in our schools and leave out such an important part.

RECRUITING SGT.'S REPORT

We welcomed two new members into the SCV at the January meeting. Please welcome these compatriots into the Camp.

TERRY C. HALL joins the SCV upon the record of his Great Grandfather Jasper N. Cole who was a Private in the Third Texas Cavalry and who served from 1861-1865. Terry is retired and resides at Route 2 Box 649, Spicewood 78669, #693-5158.

Our second member is the son of Comp. John Luedecke. HARPER C. LUEDECKE joins the SCV upon the record of his Great Great Grandfather Buckner Abernathy who was a member of Co. G, 12th Arkansas Inf. He joined in November of 1861 and served until he resigned due to poor health. Harper is a student who resides at 7441 Dallas Dr., Austin 78729, #258-8055.

To the members of the camp, welcome these new men and make them feel welcome so they will feel good about their membership. To the new recruits, take advantage of the meetings and activities offered to you by your camp. You get out of an organization exactly what your willing to put into it.

CONFEDERATE HISTORY SYMPOSIUM

Texas Division Archivist Buddy Patterson has announced the 1993 14th Annual Confed. History Symposium to be held at Hill College, Hillsboro, in the Performing Arts Center on Saturday, 3 April 1993. The topic will be CONFEDERATE CAVALRY LEADERS. The scheduled speakers include Dr. James Pohl (SWTSU) speaking on "Col. John S. Mosby", Dr. David Smith (Highland Park H.S.) speaking on "Maj.Gen. Fitzhugh Lee", Dr. Grady McWhiney (TCU) speaking on "Lt.Gen. Bedford Forrest", and Dr. Odie Faulk (NEastern State Univ., OK) speaking on "Brig. Gen. Joseph Shelby". Joe Walker and Greg Hector will no doubt play their banjos and sing Confed. songs. The Confed. Brass Band will play. Members of the SCV, UDC, CWRT, and HBTA pay \$14; others pay \$17. Make your check payable to the Confederate Research Center at P.O. Box 619, Hillsboro 76645. Send them names and addresses of those attending.



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HERITAGE REPORT

ALABAMA

We've lost the battle for a Battleflag, but this time it looks as if it is legal. Judge William Gordon, citing an obscure law from the 1800's, has ordered the flag taken down at the Alabama capitol. The Governor had said the flag would fly until submitted to the legislature. An overwhelming majority of Alabamians think it should continue to fly. There are those who think the cultural cleansing forces will continue to slash and burn throughout the South. And we see again another example of the Constitutional division which marked the schism resulting in the WBTS and not slavery as the revisionists would have us all believe! It is amazing that the vocal leadership of the Black community and the liberals see the flag as a symbol of hatred and racism ala the KKK; they also fly the American and Christian flags. Why aren't these considered symbols of the same thing? The US government sanctioned slavery for 84 years and the Confederacy only for 4! Doesn't the dichotomy of this situation seem self-evident? And the things we have done to cultures and people in the name of Christianity are appalling! So why always our flag. Whenever a skin-head, Neo-Nazi, KKK'er, etc. are shown, the media always focus in on our flag. We are the true inheritors of the Confederacy and not these low-life, but it is our symbols which must pay the price and suffer our ancestors the ignominy of being hated, second-class Americans. I don't know about you, but MY ancestors were not like that. They deserve my respect and admiration!

HONOR...

AND REMEMBERING

Seems as if January is just loaded with opportunities to honor and remember the men and women of the South who gave us the heritage we revere so much. The Commander led a small contingency in joining the ladies of the UDC in honoring Generals Lee and Jackson, and Admiral Maury at a luncheon where the program discussed the Confederate influence in Egypt after the War. Confederate Heroes Day at the Chapel in Camp Mabry was very successful. Camp #59 posted the colors: U.S., Texas, Stars and Bars, and the Battleflag. Gen. Bishop, Cdr. Matetzschk, and Adj. Hector took part in the ceremonies. Betty Kaiser put on a tremendous program in which scenes from the South were presented. Uniformed members of our camp were represented as returning victorious veterans of a battle, Brigade Cdr. Hellums and his lovely bride waltzed down the aisle in a scene relating to soirees held during pre-war days. It was a very well-done and impressive program! Congratulations, Betty!

Greg, Todd and Donna Hector journeyed to Dallas to take part in the first Confederate Heritage Day celebration held at Lee Park. What an occasion! Uniformed troops led the opening procession to the beautiful equestrian statue of Marse Robert. The Color Guard from Longview presented the colors, a Federal Color Guard presented the U.S. flag, and W.Tex. Brig. Cdr. Mark Pelham's collection of CSA flags were present. During the opening, we heard Lee's farewell order to his troops and were introduced to visiting

dignitaries which included representatives of three divisions, the Commander of the Army of the Trans-Miss. Dep't., Pete Orlebeke, Tx.Div.Cdr. Bill Willmann, Lt.Cdr.'s Hector and Lehmborg and other officials and members of the SCV and UDC. We almost lost this landmark of our heritage last summer, but now it was the scene of a tremendous outpouring of Southern sentiment.

Though not including Austinites this time, the Ft.Worth Rodeo parade included for the first time in many, many years a 76-man cavalry contingent and an infantry contingent along with a carriage which carried Cdr. Willmann along with ladies of the UDC. How about that? If you don't use it, you will lose it!

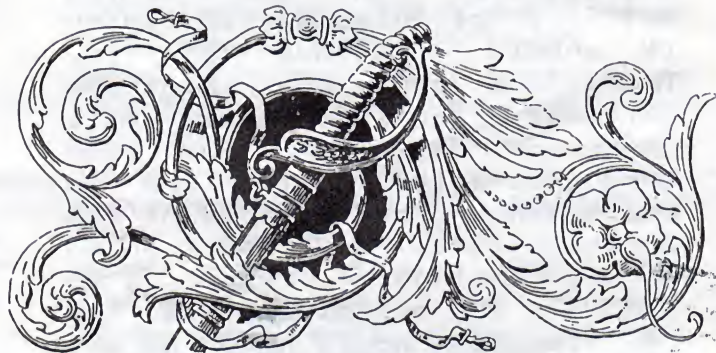
How Shall We Honor Them?

AUTHOR UNKNOWN

How shall we honor them, our Deathless Dead?
With strew of laurel and the stately tread?
With blaze of banners brightening overhead?
Nay, not alone these cheaper praises bring:
They will not have this easy honoring.

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How shall we honor them, our Deathless Dead?
How keep their mighty memories alive?
In him who feels their passion, they survive!
Flatter their souls with deeds, and all is said!



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